South Georgia

South Georgia Island is a sub-Antarctic island administered by the United Kingdom as part of South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands. It is located 1390 km southeast of the Falkland Islands and 2150 km from South America. It is the home of vast numbers of birds and marine life, but its remote location and lack of access makes it a rare destination for tourists.

SOUTH GEORGIA

Reindeer

Map of the South Sandwich Islands

Sperm whale

Chinstrap and King Penguins

Fur seals

Fin whale

Elephant seals

Sooty albatross

Whaling ship

Leopard seal

Shackleton's cross

Wandering albatross

Plankton and krill

Elephant and fur seals

The first definitive series for the territory of South Georgia, formerly administered by the Falkland Islands Dependencies.

Blue whale

July 17, 1963

WATERMARK VARIETIES

1963-1969

Watermarked Sideways

1971-1972

Watermarked Sideways

September 15, 1990

Watermarked sideways and inverted

1967

Perforated 14 x 15

December 1, 1969

King and Emperor penguins

Definitive Issue

February 15, 1971

Overprinted in Decimal Currency

Watermarked St. Edwards Crown and CA mutiple

50th Anniversary of the death of Sir Ernest Shackleton

January 5, 1972

Endurance

Launching James Caird

Route of James Caird

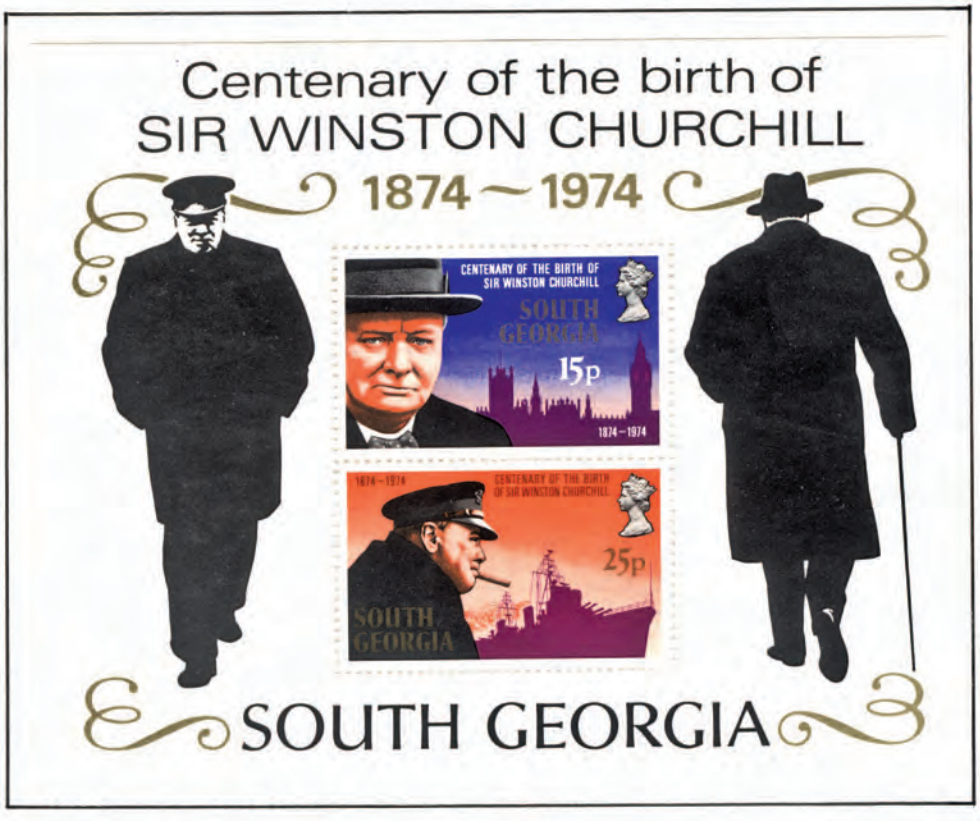
Quest

Silver Wedding Anniversary of Queen Elizabeth II

November 20, 1972

Birth Centenary of Sir Winston Churchill

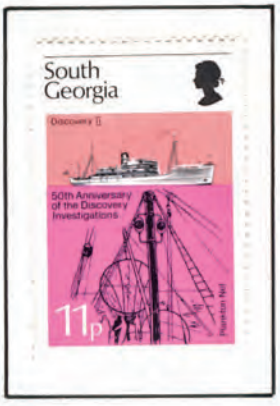
November 30, 1974



Designs by L. Curtis

50th Anniversary of the Biological Investigations of the "Discovery"

December 21, 1976



Silver Jubilee of the Reign of Queen Elizabeth II

February 7, 1977

Designs by Gordon Drummond

Decimal Currency Overprints

Watermarked spiral St. Edwards Crown and CA

May 17, 1977 - 1/2 p and 5p
August 16, 1977 - all other values

200th Anniversary of the Final Voyage of Captain Cook

February 1979

"Resolution"

South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands

King Penguin

Flaxman-Wedgewood Medallion

30th Anniversary of the International Geophysical Year

December 5, 1987

Glaciers

July 30, 1989

Headwall

Accumulation

Ablation

Calving

Lloyd's of London Tercentenary

November 18, 1988

90th Birthday of Queen Mother Elizabeth

August 10, 1990

World Wildlife Federation

March 12, 1992

South Georgia teal
Anas anas georgica

South Georgia Whaling Museum

June 29, 1993

Abandoned factory, Grytviken

Whaler's lighter

King Edward Cove

Museum building

10th Anniversary of the Liberation of the Falkland Islands

June 14, 1992

"Life in the Freezer"
September 28, 1994

Bull Elephant Seals

Young Fur Seal

Grey-headed Albatrosses

King Penguins

100th Anniversary of Explorations by Captain Carl Anton Larsen
December 1, 1994

50TH Anniversary of the End of World War II

January 24, 1994

HMS Queen of Bermuda, moored at Leith Harbor
Guns at Hansen Point manned by Members of the Norwegian Defense Force

Reverse side of the War medal

Wildlife

March 20, 1998

Reindeer
Rangifer tarandus

Arctic Tern
Sterna albis

Gray-headed Albatross
Diomeda chrysostoma

King Penguin
Apendyotes patagonicus

Prickly Burr
Acaena magellanica

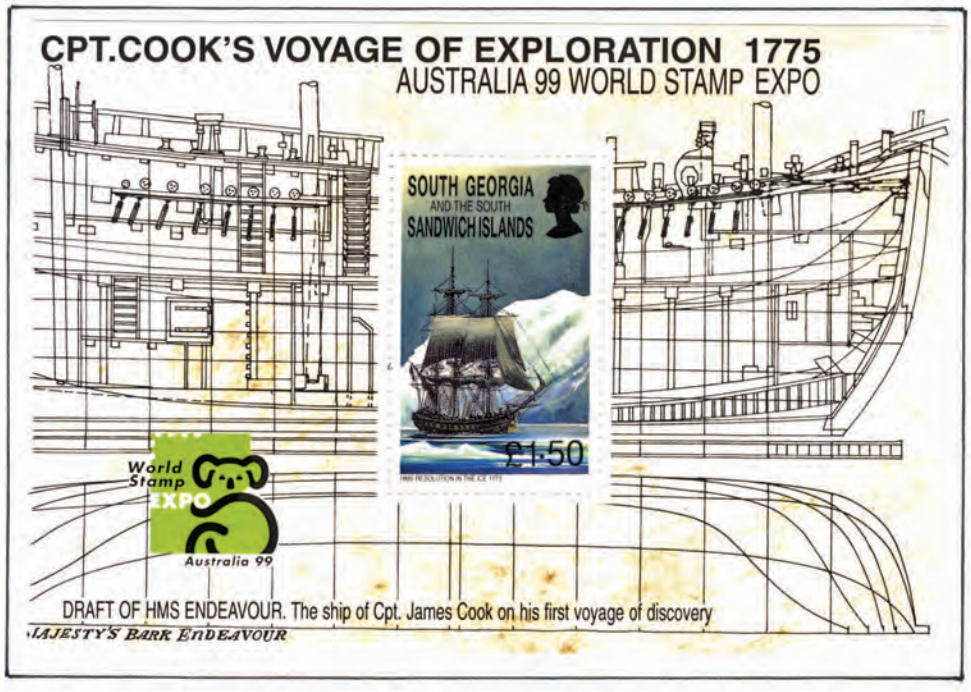
Fur Seal
Arctocephalus gazella

Memorial to Diana, Princess of Wales

March 31, 1998

Australia '99 World Stamp Exhibition

March 5, 1999



HMS Endeavour and HMS Resolution

Birds of South Georgia

November 15, 1999

Chinstrap Penguin

Gray-backed Storm Petrel

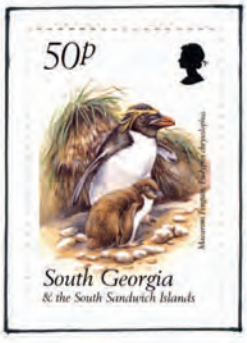
South Georgia Pipit

White-chinned Petrel

Gray-headed Albatross

Black-browed Albatross

Blue Petrel



Macaroni Penguin

King Penguin

South Georgia Diving Petrel

Light-mantled Sooty

South Georgia Pintail

Guinness Book of World Records

March 2, 2002

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Largest Pinniped

The largest of the 34 known species of pinniped is the Southern Elephant Seal (Mirounga leonina) of the sub-Antarctic Islands. Bulls average about 5m (16ft) in length. The largest accurately measured bull weighed at least 4 tonnes (8818lb) and measured 6.5 m (21ft 4in).

Largest Pinniped - alive

The largest reported live specimen is a bull nicknamed "Stalin" from South Georgia weighing 2662kg (5869lb) and 5.1m (16ft 9in) in length, recorded by members of the British Antarctic Survey on 14 October 1989.

Most Dangerous Pinniped

The carnivorous Leopard Seal (Hydrurga leptonyx) is the only species with a reputation for apparently unprovoked attacks on people.

Heaviest Mammal

A female Blue Whale weighing 190 tonnes (418,877,800lb) and measuring 27.6m (90ft 5in) in length was caught in the Southern Ocean on 20 March 1947.

Longest Mammal

A female Blue Whale measuring 33.58m (110ft 2in) landed in 1909 at Grytviken, South Georgia.

Deepest Dive by a Mammal

The deepest authenticated dive by a mammal was made by a bull Sperm Whale off the coast of Dominica, in 1991. It was recorded as being 2000m (6500ft) deep and lasted 1 hour 13 minutes.

Loudest Animal Sound

The loudest animal sound is the low frequency pulses made by Blue Whales (Balaenoptera musculus) and Fin Whales (B. physalus). It has reached as much as 188dB.

Lung Power Endurance

Elephant Seals in the Antarctic can dive to 1828m (6000ft) and can stay submerged for up to two hours.

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Mammals of South Georgia & the South Sandwich Islands

Queen Elizabeth II
June 2, 2003

21ST Birthday of Prince William
June 21, 2003

Royal Navy Frigates and Cruisers
April 26, 2004

HMS Ajax

HMS Amazon

HMS Dartmouth

HMS Penelope

HMS Austell Bay

HMS Plymouth

Events at South Georgia

February 6, 2004

The Merchant Navy

November 10, 2004

MS Endeavour

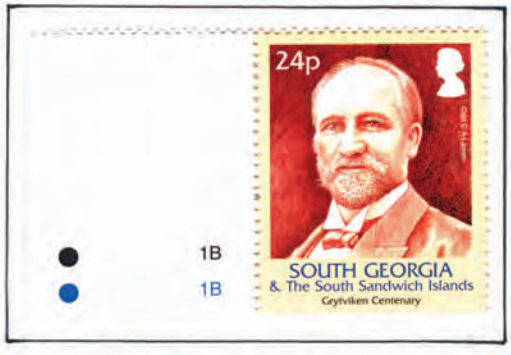
RMS QE2, 1982 Falklands War

MS Lindblad Explorer

SS Canberra, 1982 Falklands War

100TH Anniversary of Grytviken

December 10, 2004



Captain C. A. Larsen

Grytviken and Mount Hodges

Whale Catcher Fortuna

Ski Jump

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Juvenile Fauna

November 15, 2004

Elephant Seal Pup

Booklet contains 2 panes of 4 stamps

Duncan Carse (1913-2004)

September 26, 2005

Carse at Undine South Harbor, 1961

Carse at South Georgia Survey, 1951-1957

As Dick Barton, Secret Agent for the BBC

Hut erected by Carse, 1961

Penguins

November 1, 2005

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